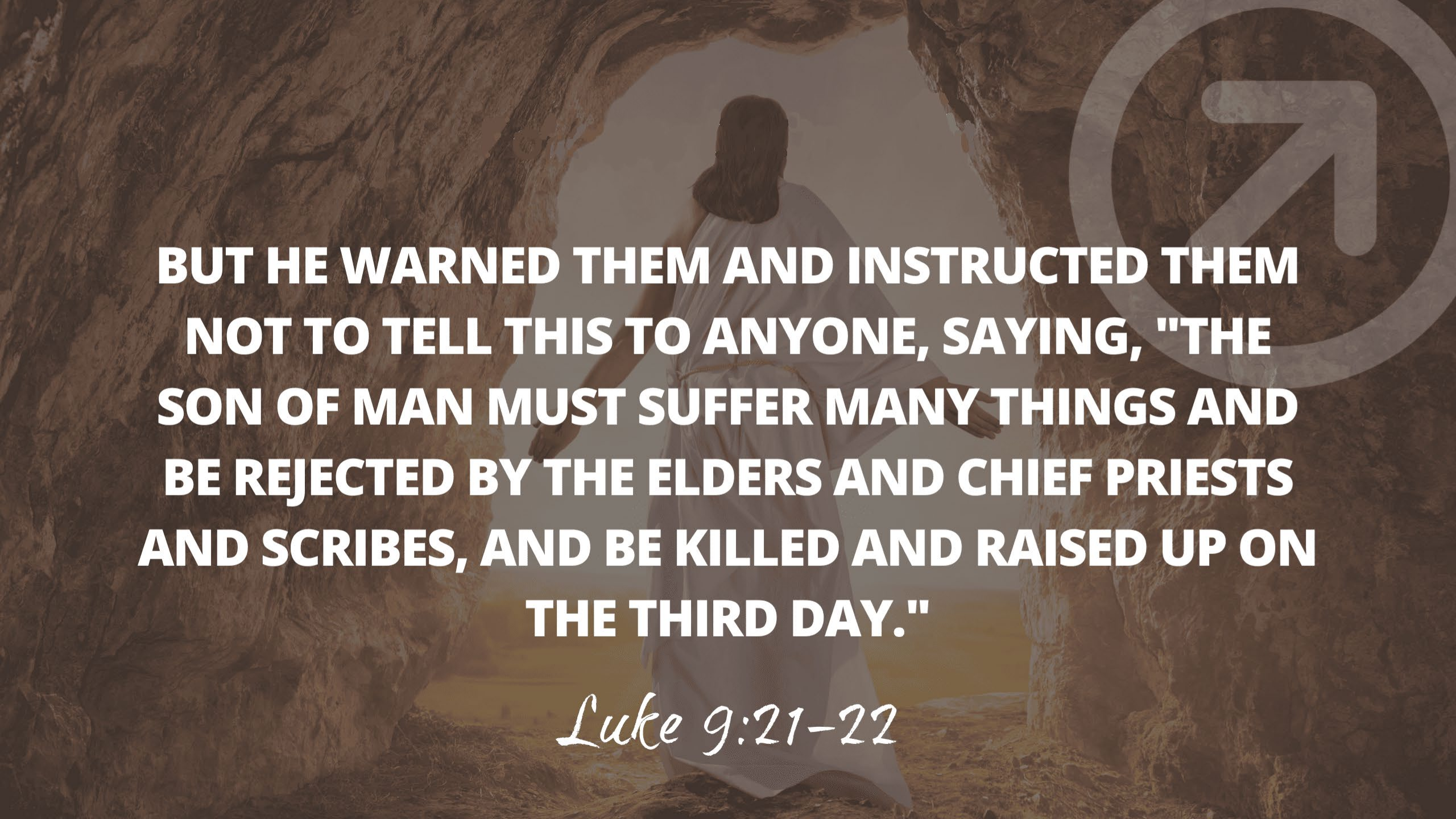




*focus on*  
**JESUS**

*Matthew 14:22-33*





**BUT HE WARNED THEM AND INSTRUCTED THEM  
NOT TO TELL THIS TO ANYONE, SAYING, "THE  
SON OF MAN MUST SUFFER MANY THINGS AND  
BE REJECTED BY THE ELDERS AND CHIEF PRIESTS  
AND SCRIBES, AND BE KILLED AND RAISED UP ON  
THE THIRD DAY."**

*Luke 9:21-22*

BUT THE CROWDS FOUND OUT AND  
FOLLOWED HIM. HE WELCOMED  
THEM AND SPOKE TO THEM ABOUT  
THE KINGDOM OF GOD, AND HE  
HEALED THOSE WHO NEEDED  
HEALING.

*- LUKE 9:11*

## MATTHEW 14:15

“Send the multitude away, that they may go into the surrounding towns and country, and lodge and get provisions; for we are in a desolate place.”



A DESOLATE

MATTHEW 14:1-21

PLACE

Now the Passover  
the feast of  
the Jews  
was near ....



Therefore

Jesus, lifting up His eyes and seeing that a large crowd was coming to Him, said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these may eat?" 6 This He was saying to test him, for He Himself knew what He was intending to do.

Philip said,  
"Where shall  
we buy  
bread, that  
these may  
eat?"

John 6:4-5

## **John 6:1-14**

*7 Philip answered Him, "Two hundred denarii worth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one of them may have a little."*

*8 One of His disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to Him, 9 "There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many?" 10 Then Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand. 11 And Jesus took the loaves, and when He had given*

# The disciples on the sea of Galilee caught in a storm.



*He (Jesus) saw that*

*they were tired of rowing*

*for the wind was against them.*

**Mark 6:48**

The eyes of  
the LORD are  
everywhere,  
keeping  
watch on the  
wicked and  
the good.

- Proverbs 15:3 -

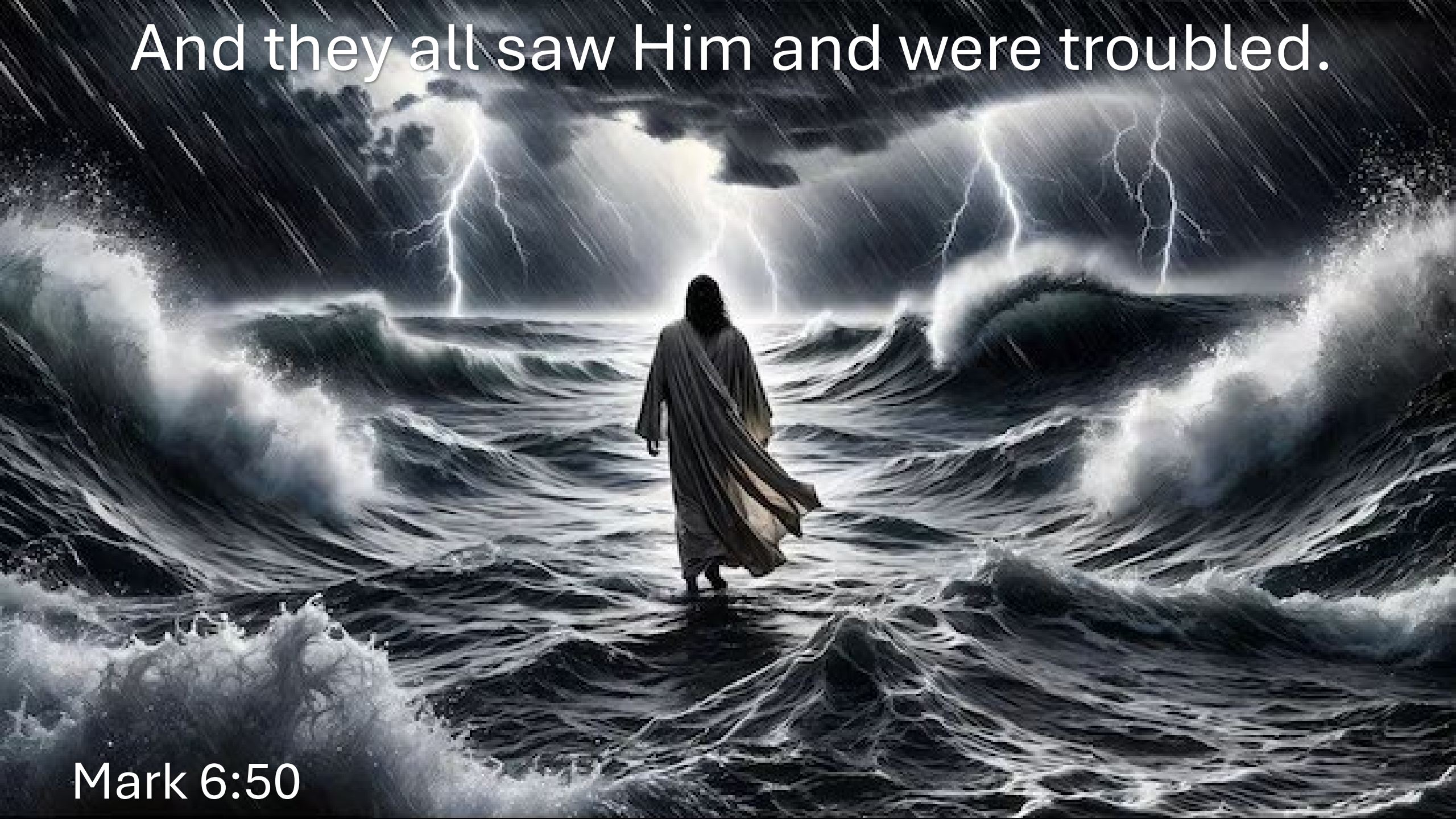




But when they saw him walking upon the sea,  
they supposed it had been a spirit, and cried out:  
For they all saw him, and were troubled. And  
immediately he talked with them, and saith unto  
them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid.

**Mark 6:49-50**

And they all saw Him and were troubled.



Mark 6:50

“LORD, IF IT IS YOU,”

PETER REPLIED,

“COMMAND ME TO COME

TO YOU ON THE WATER.”

- *MATTHEW 14:28*



*Matthew 14:29*

**He said, “Come.”**

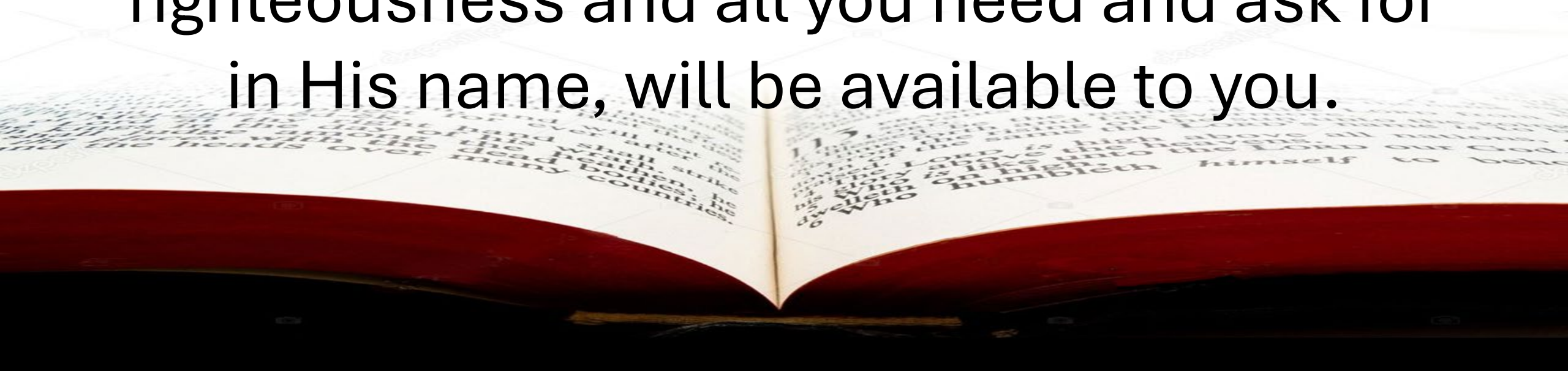
**So Peter got out of the boat and walked on  
the water and came to Jesus.**

## James 4:8

“Come near to God and  
He will come near to you.”

## Matthew 6:33

“Seek first the Kingdom of God and His  
righteousness and all you need and ask for  
in His name, will be available to you.



There is no fear  
in love; but  
perfect love  
casteth out fear:  
because fear  
hath torment.  
He that feareth  
is not made  
perfect in love.

- 1 John 4:18 (KJV) -



**WE  
LOVE  
BECAUSE  
HE  
FIRST  
LOVED  
US**

1 JOHN 4:19

**SET YOUR**

**MINDS**

*on things  
♥ above,*

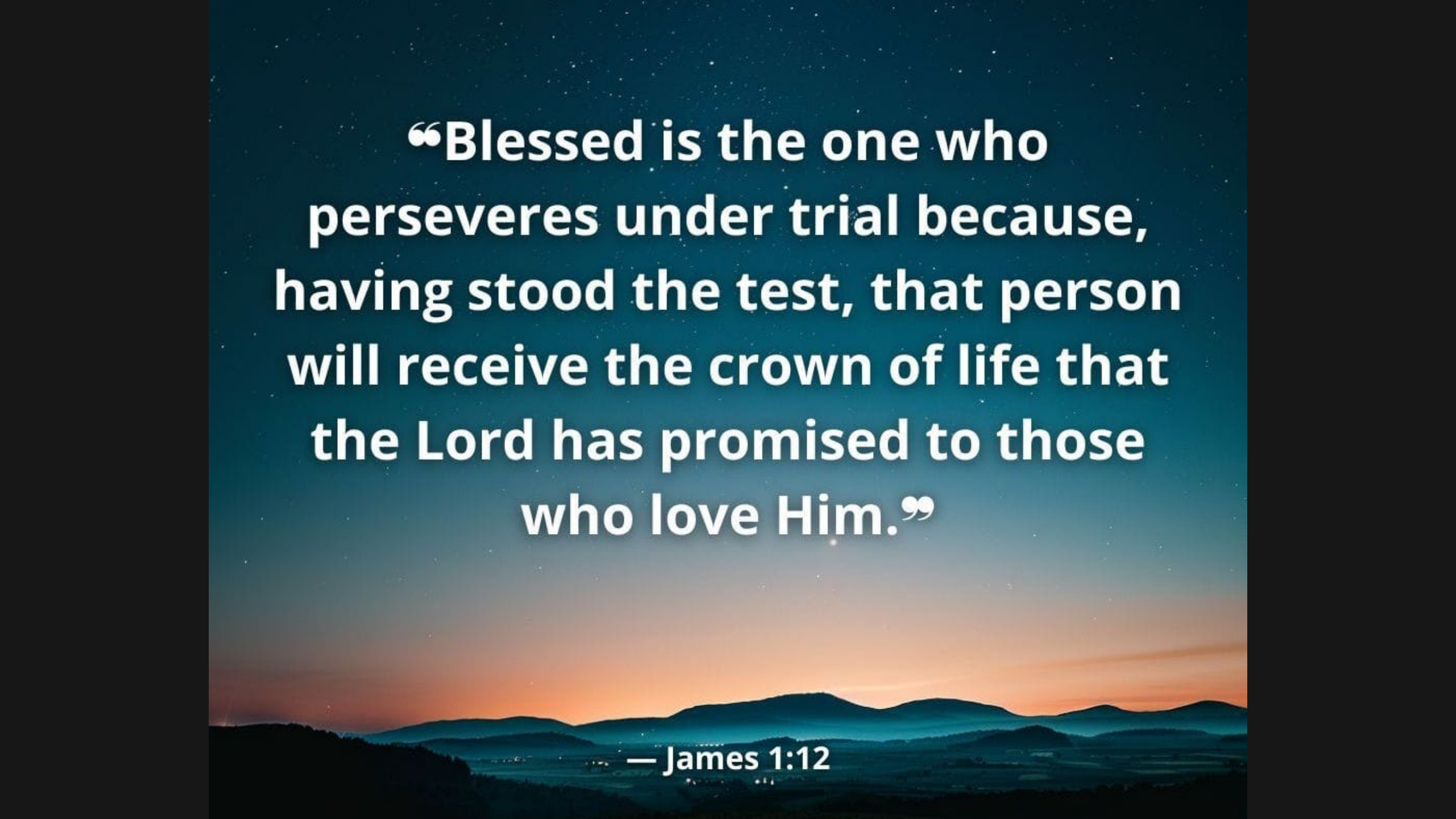
**NOT ON EARTHLY THINGS.**

**COLOSSIANS 3:2**  


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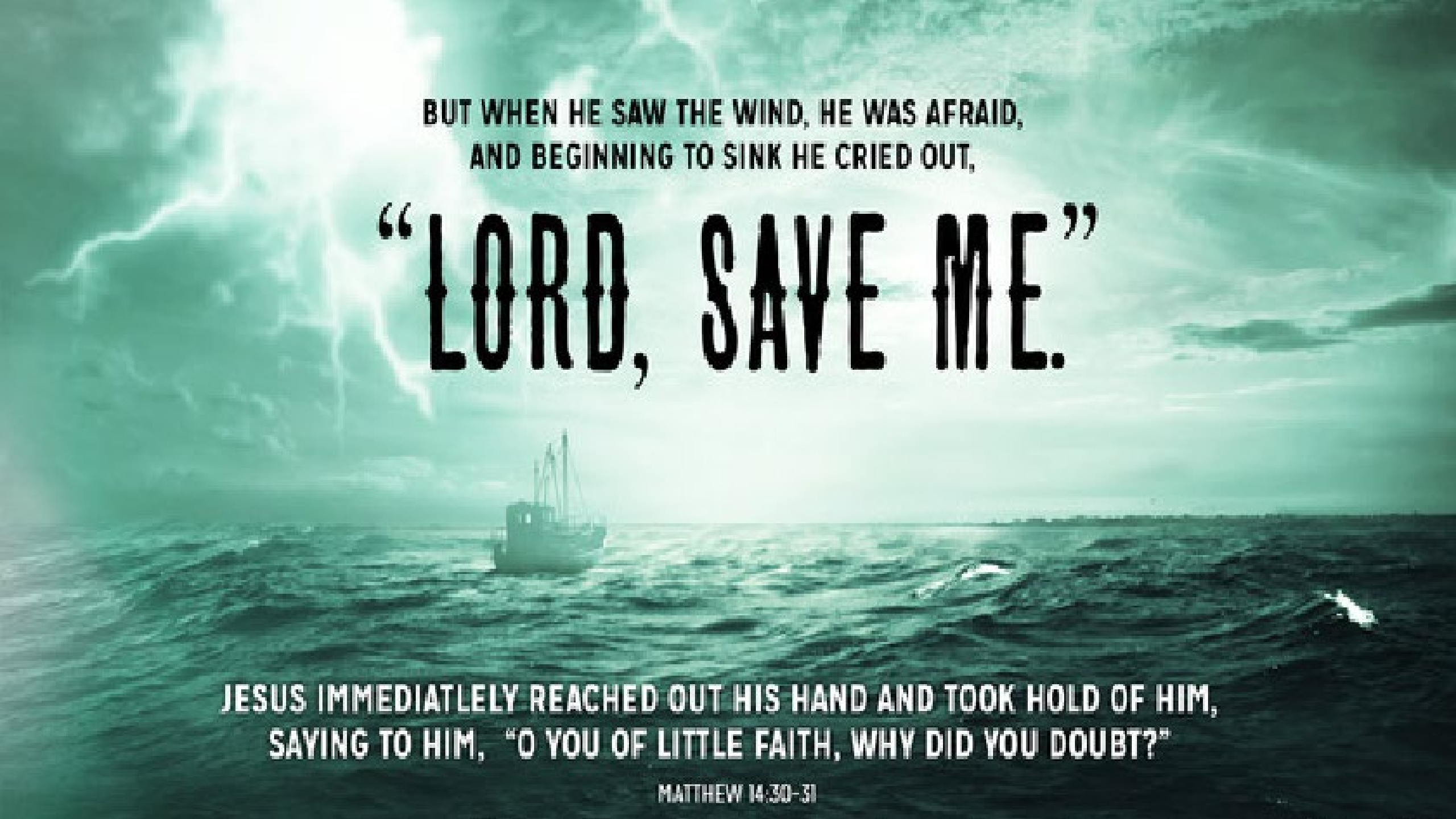
GOD GAVE US A SPIRIT NOT  
OF FEAR BUT OF POWER AND  
LOVE AND SELF-CONTROL.

2 TIMOTHY 1:7

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**“Blessed is the one who  
perseveres under trial because,  
having stood the test, that person  
will receive the crown of life that  
the Lord has promised to those  
who love Him.”**

**— James 1:12**



**BUT WHEN HE SAW THE WIND, HE WAS AFRAID,  
AND BEGINNING TO SINK HE CRIED OUT,**

**“LORD, SAVE ME.”**

**JESUS IMMEDIATELY REACHED OUT HIS HAND AND TOOK HOLD OF HIM,  
SAYING TO HIM, “O YOU OF LITTLE FAITH, WHY DID YOU DOUBT?”**

**MATTHEW 14:30-31**

**Peter's weak faith was better than no faith.**



*Miki Karmi*

The Lord intercedes for us, and He goes ahead of us



CHRIST JESUS INDEED  
IS INTERCEDING FOR US.

ROMANS 8:34



*Cast all your  
anxiety on him  
because he  
cares for you.*  
**1 PETER 5:7**



No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to mankind. And God is faithful; he will not let you be tempted beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted, he will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

# JESUS IS THE WAY OF ESCAPE

*No temptation has overtaken you  
that is not common to man.*



**God is faithful,**

*and he will not let you be tempted  
beyond your ability,*

*but with the temptation he will also provide*

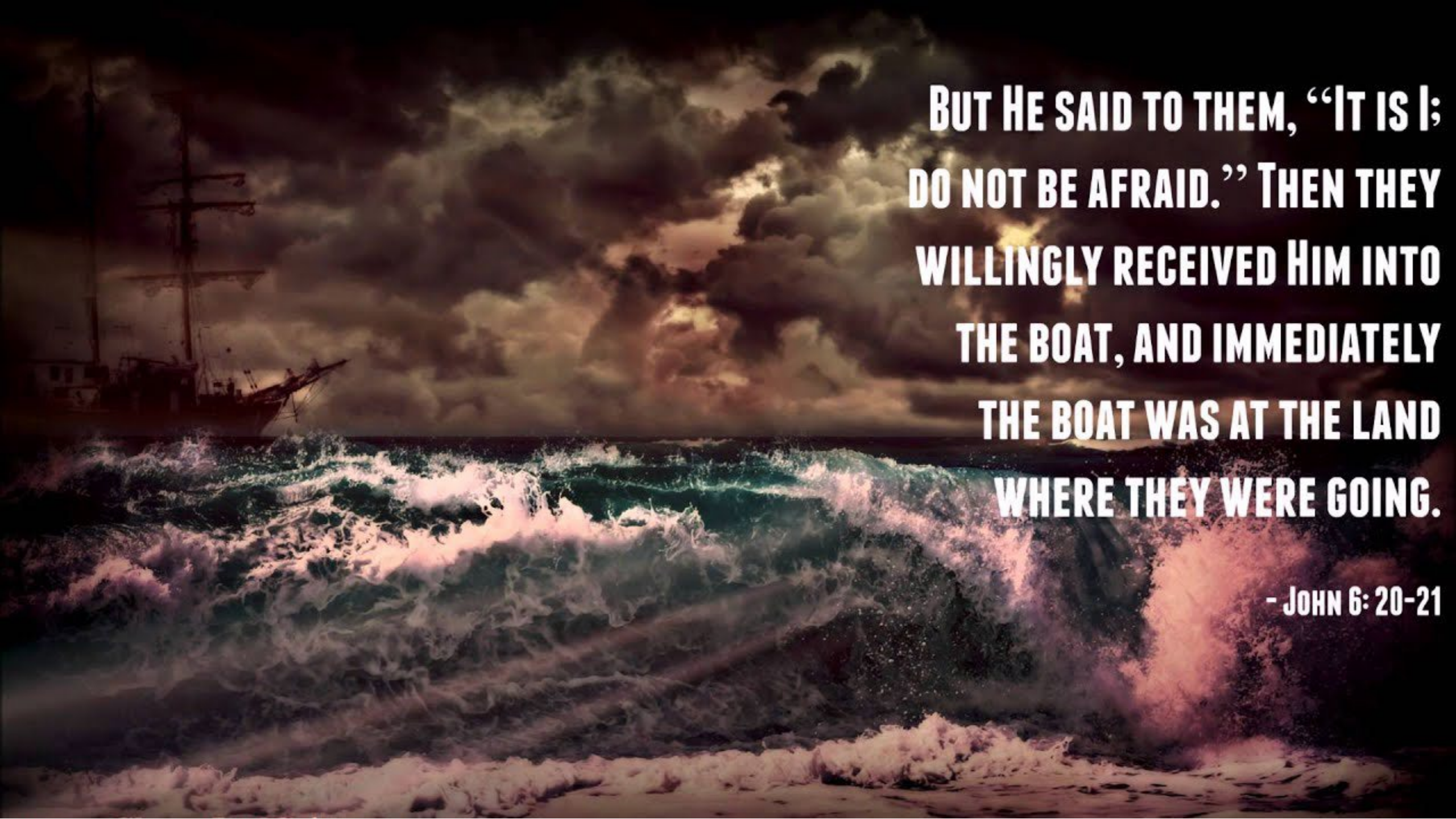
**the way of escape,**

*that you may be able to endure it.*

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

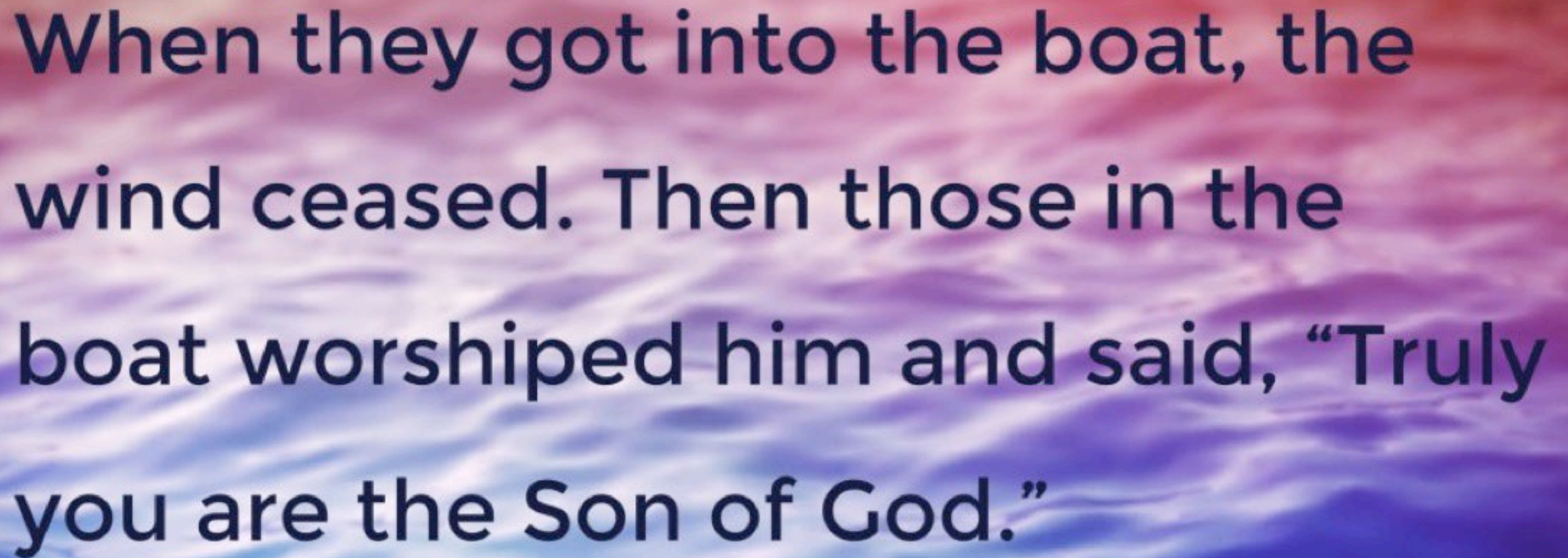
## 1 Peter 1: 6-7

**In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**



**BUT HE SAID TO THEM, “IT IS I;  
DO NOT BE AFRAID.” THEN THEY  
WILLINGLY RECEIVED HIM INTO  
THE BOAT, AND IMMEDIATELY  
THE BOAT WAS AT THE LAND  
WHERE THEY WERE GOING.**

**- JOHN 6: 20-21**

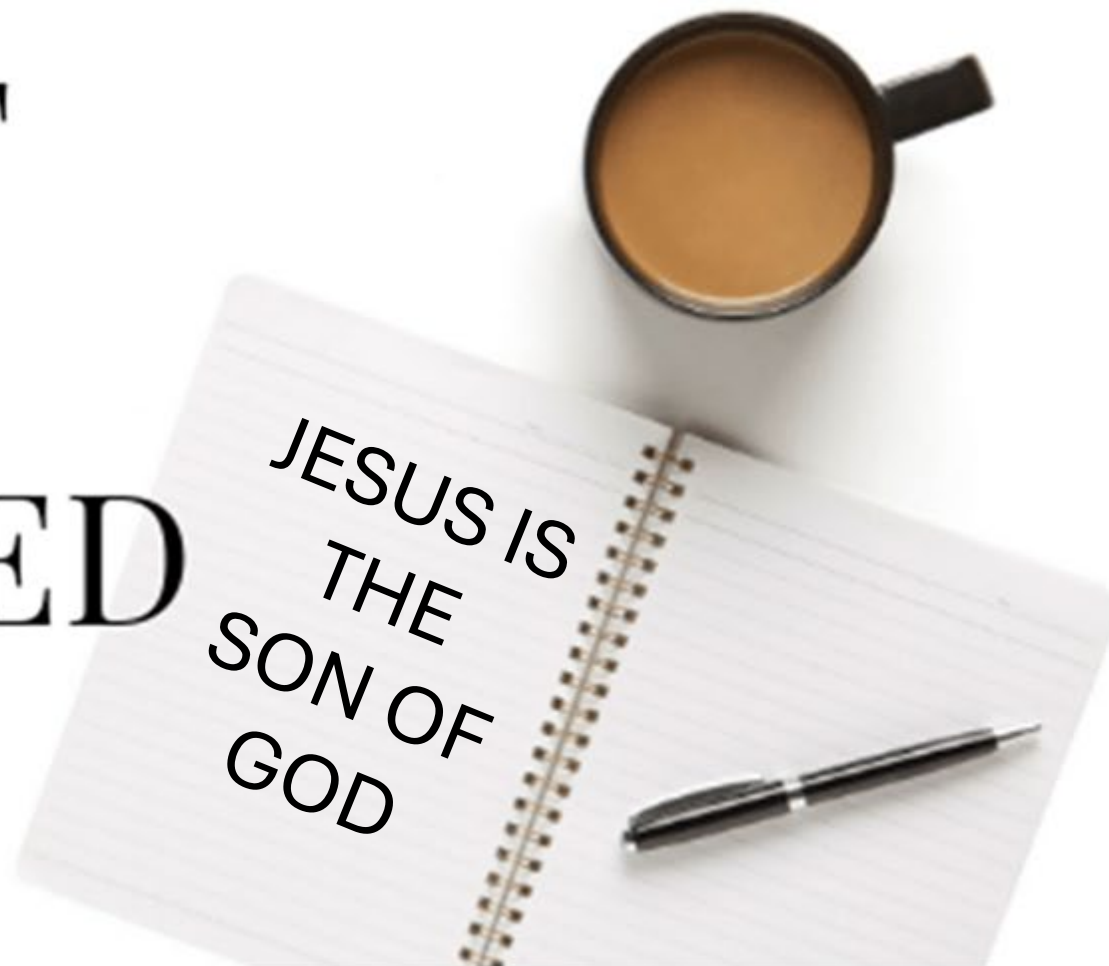


When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. Then those in the boat worshiped him and said, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

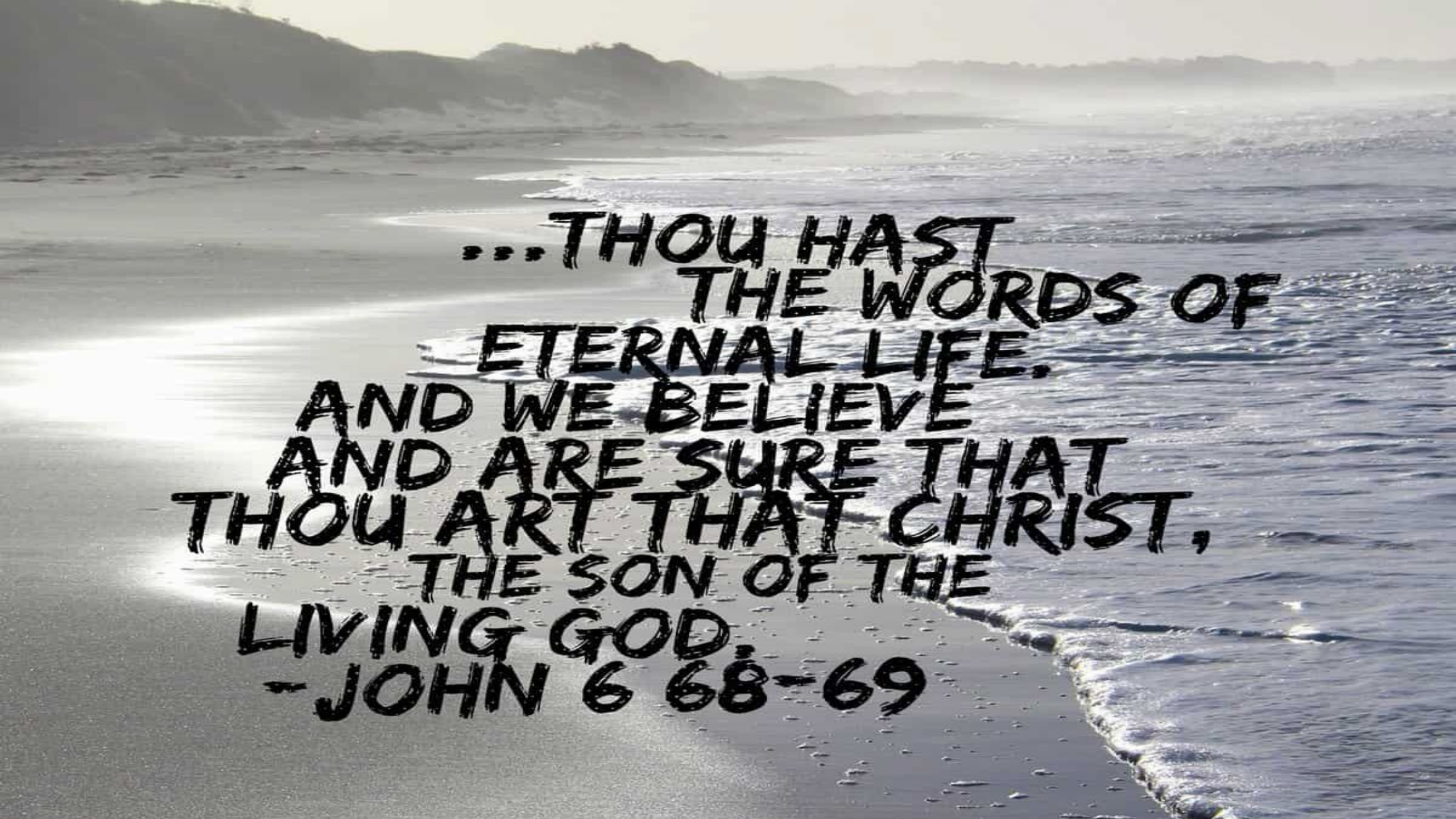
MATTHEW 14:32-33

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WHAT  
I'VE  
LEARNED



TODAY



...THOU HAST  
THE WORDS OF  
ETERNAL LIFE,  
AND WE BELIEVE  
AND ARE SURE THAT  
THOU ART THAT CHRIST,  
THE SON OF THE  
LIVING GOD.  
- JOHN 6 68-69

WHY IT'S IMPORTANT TO  
KEEP YOUR EYES ON

**JESUS**

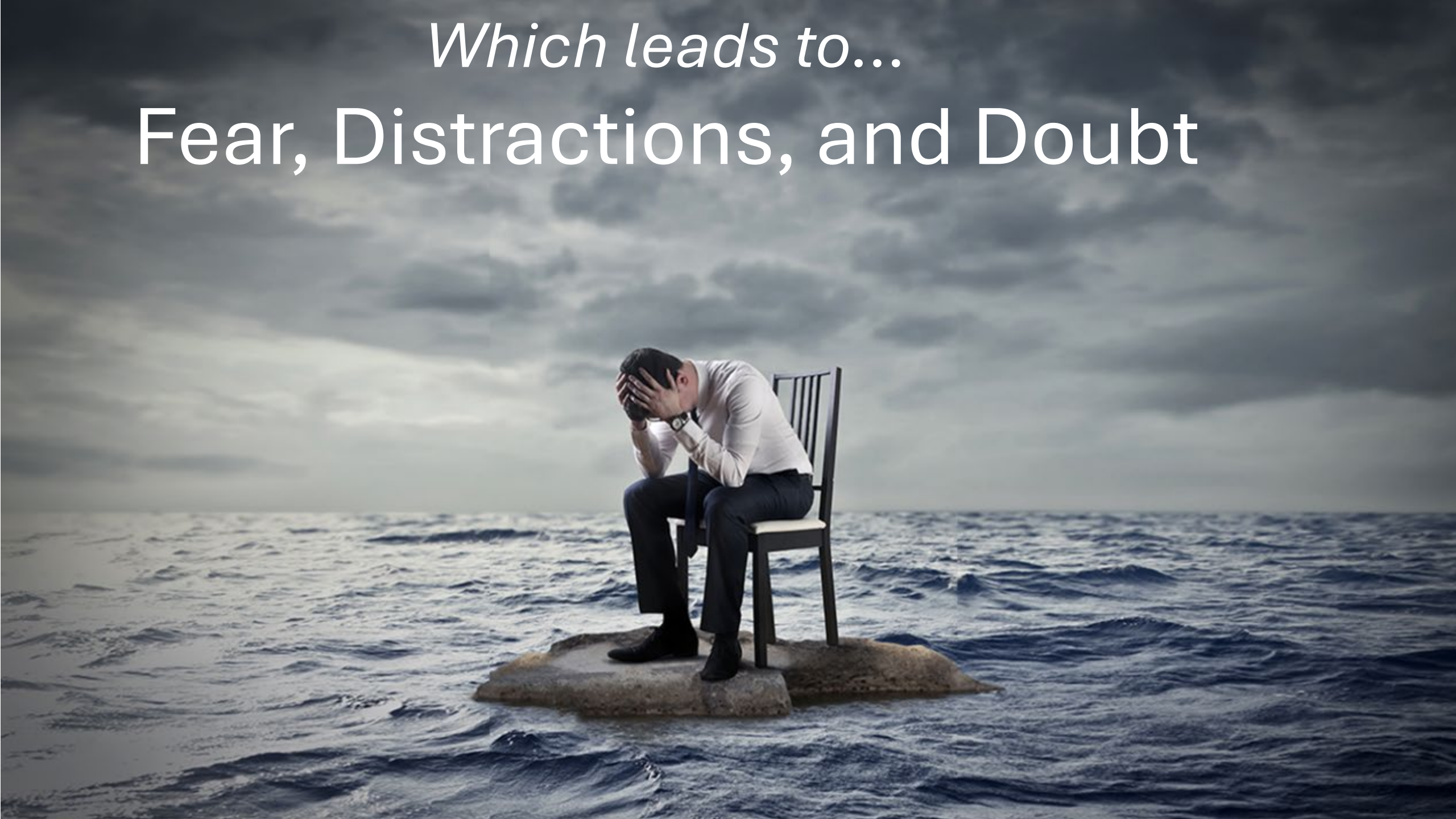
A hand is holding a pair of glasses over a sunset landscape. The word "JESUS" is written in large, bold, black letters across the lenses of the glasses. The background is a warm, golden sunset over a landscape with rolling hills and a body of water. The overall mood is contemplative and focused.

we can get that sinking feeling!



*Which leads to...*

**Fear, Distractions, and Doubt**



FEAR

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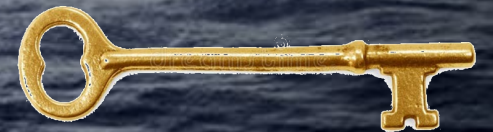
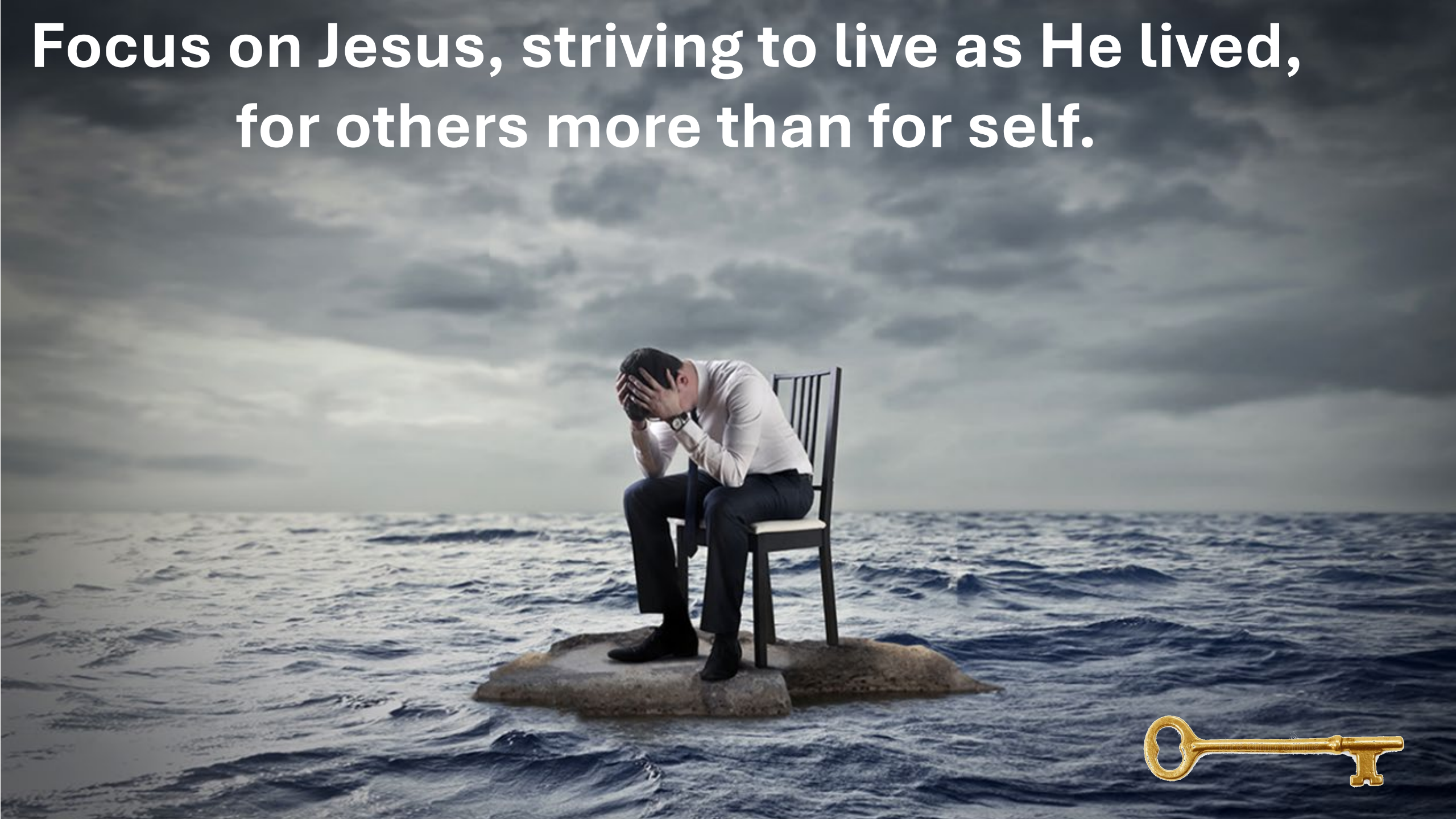
# DISTRACTIONS



Focusing on the things above rather than our circumstances below.



**Focus on Jesus, striving to live as He lived,  
for others more than for self.**



**Focus on Jesus interceding for you and  
His amazing grace and love.**



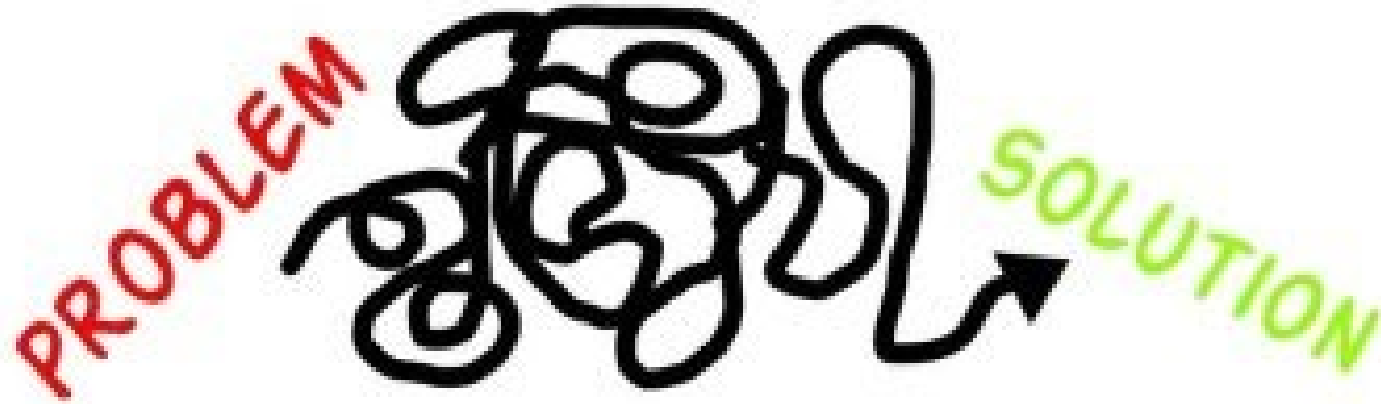
**Focus in your prayer life on Jesus!  
Talking to and listening to, Jesus!**



If you focus too much on yourself, you'll miss the powerful presence and help of the Holy Spirit in your life.



If your focused on the problems in your life, you'll never see the solution, let alone the blessings.



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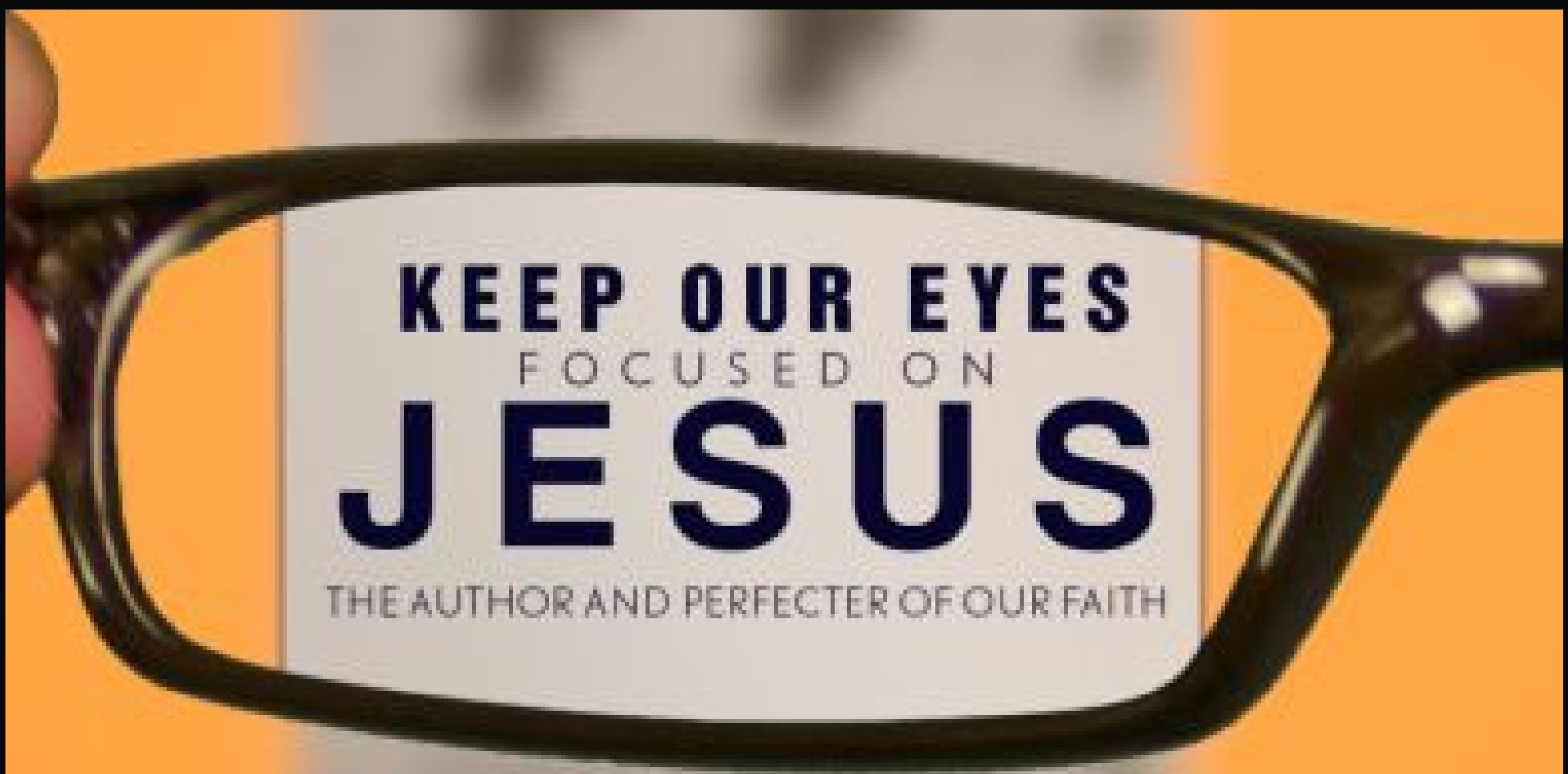
If you focus on results, you  
will never change. If you  
focus on change, you will get  
results.

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Doubt



A pair of dark-rimmed glasses is shown against a bright orange background. A white rectangular label is placed over the lens. The label contains the text: "KEEP OUR EYES FOCUSED ON JESUS THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH". The word "JESUS" is significantly larger than the other text.

**KEEP OUR EYES**  
FOCUSED ON  
**JESUS**  
THE AUTHOR AND PERFECTER OF OUR FAITH